

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from the Chairman, Legislative Council :

As required by Rule 91 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Council, I transmit the following Bills for concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

The following Bills were passed by the Legislative Council on 10th February 1976.

- (1) The Karnataka Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1976.
- (2) The Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1976.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Spread of Monkey fever in Hosanagar

SRI S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR (Hosanagar).—I call the attention of the Minister for Health to the grave situation in Hosanagar due to the spread of Monkey fever.

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—I beg to State as follows.

The Kyasanur Forest disease in Hosanagar Taluk was first reported in 1972. The infection occurred in 5 villages in 1975. Now it is prevailing in 34 villages of Hosanagar Taluk. There are 182 attacks and 8 deaths due to Kyasanur Forest Disease in Hosanagar Taluk. It is said that 3 more deaths have occurred which are to be investigated. So far, out of 182 attacks 32 blood samples have proved positive for Kyasanur Forest Disease.

The Medical Officer of Health, Primary Health Centre, Hosanagar is visiting the villages twice a week and giving treatment to the patients. Villagers are advised to keep away from the places where monkey deaths have occurred. A co-ordination Committee has been formed with Medical-Officer of Health, Primary Health Centre, Hosanagar, as Convenor, Tahsildar as Chairman, Block Development Officer, Local Important people and Officers as Members to inform the Medical Officer of Health about Kyasanur Forest Disease cases and to arrange for immediate treatment of patients. The Medical Officer of Health has arranged weekly clinics in all the infected villages to treat the Kyasanur Forest Disease cases locally.